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State Times,

I cannot in the least subscribe to the proposition that the South has won a great victory in the Congress. I do not know whether this stems from an hereditary predisposition, or a cultivated perverseness of mind, but I am not yet able to see black as white, or white as black. I do not know how men can speak of victory in their hour of deepest humiliation. I cannot perceive our gain for surveying the wreckage of our vast destruction.

Is it a victory when one is shackled with a ball and chain to drag around instead of being clapped in solitary confinement? Does one come out of a mortal fight triumphant because one has merely lost a leg or an arm, when the enemy was left whole and unscathed and poised to renew the attack?

This talk of victory is pure nonsense, and our Southern Senators should have the hardihood to say it to the people. Instead of a frank statement on what is about to happen, and how much more of our liberties died, the only thing we get is a picture of the Southern Senators grinning at each other and complimenting themselves on their victory.

Their boast seems to be: "Well, hurrah, we are still alive; we got hacked up pretty badly this time, to be sure, we lost about two pints of blood, and they left us horribly mutilated—but, it was a great victory after all. See, we are still alive, yes sir! It was a great Southern victory!"

Since about the year 1832—the time when the balance in the Senate was lost—the South has been on the defensive. Before that the South had the same number of Senators as the North. It was this balance of power between the North and the South which was the cardinal principle in our original Federal system. Since then the numerical majority of the North has steadily increased, and with this gone an ever mounting aggrandizement against us. And this encroachment will continue as long

as the South remains in the Union.

Our Southern Senators did not fight long enough and they did not fight well enough, and we were thoroughly defeated. This is the great fact that emerges from the Civil Rights debate. One sense that our Southern Senator got rather bored toward the last—they only filibustered one week — and didn't want to offend Lyndon Johnson too much — the great and powerful man. For, are they not all members of the same Club, and do they not drink cocktails together and laugh and joke among each other after the day's work, like lawyers who battle furiously in court, and are fast friends again after the tempest is over? This is the kind of compromise that is slowly killing the South!

Lyndon Johnson should be branded and treated as the unspeakable Traitor and Apostate. Like Cataline, who betrayed the Roman Senate, he should be avoided and kept at a distance, lest he transmit rotteness and corruption on all who come in contact with him.

Is it not again time for the South to "calculate the value of the Union?" For of what use is it to us to be members of a nation only that we may be reviled and spit upon, or to be part of America for the sole purpose of being made a whipping boy and an example of in front of Communists, Asiatics and Hottentots?

Let the South stand like a pillar of Rock. If we have forgotten the heroic example of our own ancestors, let us turn to South Africa for a living model. There is a great country that is willing to preserve White Christian civilization. No barbarian threats, nor UN resolutions shall weaken her resolve, nor shake her devotion to right and duty. And it is very likely, if we stand our ground long enough, that the Liberals and Communists, will, like the herd of Gadarine Swine, rush past us in their madness, and hurl themselves into the sea.

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